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## HIGHWAYMEN" HAVE BOOED THE COUNTY

RESPONDENT GIVES LUCID  
EXPLANATION OF METHODS  
OF DOING THE WORK.

Accepted Through Being Requested  
Liquidate Financial Obligation.  
We Be Unto Public "Crook."

The officials of Columbia county, and present, together with their little mouthpiece, "The Mist," are given a thorough trouncing. Just the discovery was made will be us all to sit up and take notice. Evidently have been laboring under the hallucination that the work has been so thoroughly "done" that no one could be no discovery made of someone has been peeping, and the fragrance is kicked out of the psyche. A few days ago some of the clerical force of The Mist put out a number of subscription sheets, as all well-regulated institutions do, and one recent replies in the following manner:

The communication is reproduced verbatim:

Tremholm, Ore., Apr. 26, 1915.

The Mist Pub Co., St. Helens Ore. Sirs:—I am inclosing the slip sent me, supposing you fill your slip and figure it over again, and stop the paper as I don't want it.

There is no time for The Mist for it upheld a set of officials that have in the road tax from this part of County and used it no telling where. I dare say that we have not over 5 per cent of the road tax as the property laying adjacent to road in the last seven years, for we have been sufficient tax in that to give us a graded road and a surface.

We have had to travel the road in belly deep to our horses, and ate a lot of work besides or you didn't pull a copy of The Mist out with a four horse team.

To sir a paper that will sanction officials like that, who work their own selfish interest, to the detriment of the good honest home owners in the logged off districts, really are doing something to increase the taxable property of the county, and really are developing the meanness, is rotten.

To discriminate against the real builders is a crime, and any paper that uphold the ones guilty of such a crime are no better than the guilty parties.

It is punishment enough to have The Mist without having to read it too, so please stop it at there by oblige.

Yours Most Respectfully (init.)

MODE GRIFFITH

## SCHOOL FIELD MEET COMING SPORT EVENT

Meeting Program of Field Contests to Be Held Next Week.

On Saturday, May 8th, the annual meet of the Columbia county schools will take place on the school grounds at St. Helens. The contests will be divided into two divisions, the primary and grammar schools in one division and the high schools in the other. Racing, jumping, hurdling, throwing of discus and javelin will constitute the principal events. There is an unusual interest manifested in this annual carnival of sport by students and spectators alike, and it is the aim of the promoters to make of it an annual occurrence of more than ordinary interest. All of the high schools in the county are to be strongly represented in the forthcoming meeting, and many of the grammar schools are invited.

## BRUBBERY IN PLAZA BROKEN BY BOYS

Delicious Destruction of Ornamental  
Bushes Must Be Stopped.

There are some young boys in this city who need a little parental tutelage. For some time there has been altogether too general disposition on the part of some of the youngsters to make too free with the ornamental bushes in the court house plaza, and their mischief has not ended at either. The fountain pool has been strewn full of various articles which have no business there, creating a very discreditable appearance. Rose bushes were broken and other shrubs grossly mistreated. The city commissioners have requested that the parents be notified to make this announcement with the hope that parents will see that such practices cease. The patience of the authorities has been taxed to the limit.

## DAIRY HERD WILL HAVE NEW HOME

Large Stock Barn to Be Constructed  
at Lakeside Farm, Scappoose.

The dairy herd belonging to P. A. Frakes of Scappoose, is to have a new home. Plans have just been completed and the material purchased for the construction of one of the most modern stables in this county, on which construction will begin at once. The building will be 64x126 feet and will require approximately 70,000 feet of lumber besides other material in its construction. The columns will be steel and the floors will be concrete, with steel stanchions. Its floor arrangement will provide for the accommodation of 46 cows, 30 head of young stock, five horses and two herd bulls, besides the stowing of great quantities of hay and other feed.

Practically all the material in this structure will be of Columbia county's product. When complete the barn will cost approximately \$4500. The lumber was purchased from the St. Helens Lumber Company, and will be supplied as the work progresses.

Mr. Frakes' place is known as the Lakeside Farm, which is the home of 105 head of pure bred Holstein stock known all over the Pacific Northwest. For several years Mr. Frakes made a practice of competing at all the stock shows and many county fairs in the western country, and his herd occupies a most prominent place in the western stock world. The DeKol family is represented in practically every Holstein here in the west, sires and dams having been purchased from the Lakeside Farm herd.

The new barn will be completed about the 20th of July, and the event will be celebrated with a big barn dance, to which the entire country will be invited. This event will probably take place on the 26th of July, which will be the 38th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frakes. This good couple has resided in Columbia county, in the vicinity of Scappoose, for 31 years, and have grown to a position of affluence through their frugality.

## USELESS FATIGUE ON FAITHFUL FIREMEN

Houlton Residents Might Make Better  
Use of Equipment.

The necessity for more modern fire fighting equipment for the St. Helens department was brought forcibly to notice Wednesday, when an alarm of fire was sounded from West St. Helens, which necessitated a long run for the volunteers. It is true the boys make good time and manful efforts to save property, but physical exhaustion could be reduced and efficiency increased by better apparatus.

An observing citizen, and, by the way, a faithful volunteer fireman, makes some very timely suggestions in the following communication:

St. Helens, Ore., Apr. 29, 1915.

To the Editor:—Among other interested citizens who journeyed one and a half miles to West St. Helens (Houlton) this morning in response to a fire alarm, I noticed that the equipment there of 500 feet of hose and a good cart, recently purchased, and as good, if not better, than that of St. Helens, was idle, seemingly because the people and property owners there have not attempted to have a team take charge and learn to use it efficiently. In the case of an alarm of this kind—a chimney fire—it would be unnecessary to call the St. Helens volunteers for a mile and a half run were there willing and ready hands to care for that portion of St. Helens. Come over to this end of St. Helens, young men, take a few pointers, and go home and drill and be ready for action.

## ROAD SUPERVISOR IN TANGLE WITH LAW

Arrested and Fined for Permitting  
Men to Work Over Eight Hours.

Road Supervisor J. W. Aiken of this road district, became the unwilling and unwarranted prey of a deputy labor commissioner last Monday when he was arrested and fined \$50 for allowing his road crew to work longer than eight hours on the roads. However, this fine was remitted with an admonition to be more observant of the law's commands in the future. There seems to be a good deal of inconsistency in such a law. People employed on public works are given an undue advantage over their fellows who are otherwise employed, and tends to create an unwarranted interest. Mr. Aiken, acting upon an impulse to accomplish the greatest good to the public at the least expense, had been working the men in good faith.

## MERITS OF STONE BLOCKS ARE URGED

BUSINESS MEN PRESENT MATTER  
TO AUTHORITIES OF  
MULTNOMAH COUNTY.

Encouragement Is Held Out That  
Local Material May Be Used to  
Some Extent.

The business interests of St. Helens are making a very strong effort to induce the authorities of Portland and Multnomah county to take cognizance of the fact that at their very door yard is an unlimited supply of the greatest and best paving material to be found anywhere. Representative business men here are acting unitedly and individually in this matter and there is some prospect for the use of stone blocks in the great quantity of paving to be done in Multnomah county this year. Through the medium of the merchants' association good work is being done in this connection.

Last Monday a delegation of business men of St. Helens, composed of Mayor Morton, Wm. Ross of the Columbia County Bank, A. S. Harrison of A. S. Harrison & Co., D. W. Williams of Williams & Hall Co., L. R. Rutherford of the Columbia County Abstract Co., J. T. Tabor of Noah's Ark Department Store, John Philip and David Davis made a special trip to Portland, where various influential business men were interviewed in regard to the use of stone block paving material.

Other influences are working to that end also, which should be productive of results. Among these is a very strong presentation of the case made in a personal letter written to Hon. J. B. Yeon, roadmaster of Multnomah county, by John Philip of this city. Following is Mr. Philip's letter:

St. Helens, Ore., April 23, 1915.

J. B. Yeon, Portland, Oregon—My Dear Sir: Having noticed that bids for brick for paving the Canyon road are to be called for, I wish to enquire if you can not consider a bid for stone blocks for that purpose.

Stone blocks are a home product of far superior quality, and can be installed at practically the same cost. These blocks can be delivered F. O. B. Portland at \$1.50 per yard. The labor cost of paving, spreading cushion and grouting, 15 cents per yard. All cost above this would be for preparing the foundation and transportation.

The last bids opened in Portland for stone block paving on a six-inch concrete foundation was \$3.00 per yard.

A four-inch foundation on the present roads would support any weight, and could be laid within a radius of three miles for \$2.50 per yard. Where the foundation is good, by using an inch cushion of cement on the present Macadam and grouted with cement would cost about \$2.60 per yard.

Stone paving on a proper foundation has not been in use in the United States long enough to demonstrate how long it will last. There are streets in Liverpool paved with stone blocks which have been laid for forty years, and are still as good as ever. Stone blocks is the only paving material entitled to the name "permanent." I want to cite the Linnton road and the heavy traffic it has to carry. There is no patent paving in use that would not cost more in ten years than stone blocks. No other material will support the heavy traffic.

Stone blocks is the only paving material that does not entail an outlay for cost of raw material. Its entire cost goes for labor and transportation, and it is entirely a local product. I will be glad to take this matter up with you further at any time, and give more detailed information if required.

Yours very sincerely,

JOHN PHILIP.

There are portions of the paving to be done in Multnomah county, which if the ordinary patent paving material is used, will result in absolute failure so far as service or value is concerned. Mr. Philip is particularly interested in a portion of the work, covering a distance of about five miles, which, if paved with stone, would require the use of approximately two and one-half million blocks. Were it possible to get such a contract the block industry here would thrive for several months, with consequent activity in all lines of local commercialism.

## MAY DAY FESTIVAL.

Tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon the St. Helens school will conduct appropriate May Day festivities, which will include an interesting program of genuinely entertaining features. The public is most cordially invited. The exercises will begin at 3 o'clock, and will consist of May pole drill, folk dances and other features.

## PREMATURE BLAST INJURES WORKMAN

James Canfield, Employed at Road-  
building, Frightfully Mangled.

Last Friday afternoon James Canfield of this city, was frightfully injured by the premature discharge of a blast of powder. Mr. Canfield had been employed for some time with the roadbuilding crew, which that day was working on the St. Helens-Scappoose road, just south of town. He was loading and tamping a hole for a light shot in order to put it for a heavier blast, which, no doubt, accounts for his not being blown to atoms.

As a result, his left eye was blown out, the flesh torn from both his forearms and his face perforated with fragments of stone. His right hand was so seriously injured that it was necessary to amputate the two small fingers. Dr. C. E. Wade took the injured man to St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, where more than 100 bits of stone were removed from his face. Reports from there this forenoon are to the effect that Mr. Canfield is getting along as well as could be expected, under the circumstances.

Mr. Canfield is well known about this place, having resided here for several years, being a stone block cutter by trade. He has no relatives here.

## LEGISLATIVE WORK SUBJECT OF TALK

Yankton Grange Entertains Representative J. H. Collins.

Hon. J. H. Collins of Rainier, Columbia county's representative in the legislature, gave a very interesting talk to the Yankton Grange last Saturday night on the subject of "Legislative Work." One candidate was initiated, and lunch served. Vernon Smith and Guy Crosby furnished the music.

## BUILDING FUND IS GROWING RAPIDLY

Nearly \$300 Has So Far Been Turned  
Over as Result of Tag Sales.

School Superintendent J. W. Allen has been receiving some very good reports and substantial returns from the various parts of the county regarding the result of the sale of tags for the fund to install a building at the county fair grounds. Up to the time of going to press returns so far bear out the statement last week that approximately 3000 tags were sold, over \$260 being turned in to date. The following list gives the number of the district, name of teacher, location of school and amount received up to date, including funds received from other sources:

District.	Teacher.	Amount.
1. J. R. Purcell, Scappoose		\$19.50
2. L. L. Baker, St. Helens		75.70
3. J. D. Brehaut, Houlton		15.70
4. Helen M. Buckley, Deer Island		10.50
5. Jessie McCord, Clatskanie		7.60
6. Helen M. Galbraith, Clatskanie		1.20
7. C. E. Lake, Warren		6.10
8. W. L. Duntun, Warren		22.40
9. May Novak, Warren		6.00
10. F. W. Roberts, Redtown		1.50
11. Kate Ronde, Stehman		3.00
12. J. B. Wilkerson, Rainier		20.50
13. Madge Thomas, Vernonia		.40
14. Kate Moore, Hockenberg		.50
15. Anna J. Ketel, Goble		6.10
16. Lora M. Cook, Natal		2.00
17. Bird B. Carke, Quincy		18.00
18. William Kelly, Clatskanie		2.00
19. A. B. Owen, Yankton		17.50
20. Madeline Thomas, Mist		2.00
21. Stella F. Ingraham, Mayger		2.50
22. Helen Hamill, Deer Island		1.00
23. Irene Phalon, Goble		4.00
24. Grace Graham, Prescott		1.00
25. Belle Crawford Nelson, Vernonia		2.60
26. Emma H. Morrison, Mist		6.00
27. L. E. Gulker, Warren		1.50
28. Louis Fluhrer, subscription		5.00

Total amt. recd. to Apr. 27, \$261.80

## SOME RECENT SALES OF FORD AUTOMOBILES

During Last Few Days Several Residents Have Made Purchases.

Ford cars continue to find not only admirers but buyers. The local sales agency, the Independent Auto Company of this city, have sold Ford cars to J. W. Foster of Mist, the efficient road supervisor of that district, and one to A. M. Berg, also of Mist. Miss Mary McClay of Columbia City, who, some time since, lost a Ford car by fire in Portland, has purchased a new Ford, which re-establishes her faith in that vehicle of convenience and pleasure.

## ROAD TROUBLES ARE ON AGAIN AT SALEM

COMMISSION SAYS COUNTIES AND  
CONTRACTORS MUST ADJUST  
THEIR DIFFICULTIES.

Consolidated Contract Company Is  
Objecting to Elimination of Certain  
Section of Work.

Renewed attempts were made last Friday at Salem by the several parties involved in the highway troubles existing in different counties in the state to induce the state highway commission to take some hand in the situation, but the commission informed all that the difficulties were matters for the counties and contractors to adjust between themselves. The commission however, expressed its willingness to give their moral support to efforts toward reaching a settlement.

L. L. Levings of Portland, representing the Consolidated Contract Company, which has the contract for doing thirty-eight miles of the Columbia highway in this county, once more appeared before the state highway commission and protested against the action of the Columbia county court in ordering a resumption of the road work and at the same time demanding that two sections of the road be included in the contract be not worked upon.

Levings said that his company was willing and anxious to start work at once, as the order discontinuing the work made some months ago, he said had resulted in an enormous loss to the company. However, he registered serious objection against the company not being permitted to do the work as the contract called for. He declared that the two sections of the highway which the court wanted eliminated were the most profitable in the entire work, and asserted it was not fair to the company to cut this out. He informed Highway Engineer Cantine that the company probably would refuse to start any work unless it could build these two sections.

"The only other possibility," continued Levings, "would be for the county to pay the company 10 per cent above what the work on these two sections would have cost."

During the session Cantine and Levings indulged in a verbal sparring contest over the questions involved. Kay cut the controversy short with the observation that neither seemed to be arriving at any agreement. First evidences that Cantine and the contractors will shortly be involved in disputes appeared during the tilt between Levings and the state highway engineer. Kay insisted that the commission did not intend that the new engineer should dip into any of the old highway troubles, and advised Levings to tell the Consolidated people to settle their difficulties with Columbia county court and not come to the commission, who had nothing to do with the matter.

## COURT ORDERS CON- TRACTORS TO WORK

May 8th Is Given as Latest Date in  
Which to Resume Operations.

The county court, instead of complying with the request of the Consolidated Contract Company, as prayed for in a petition filed several days ago, asking, principally for arbitration of the differences between it and the county, issued an order to the state highway engineer to direct the contractors to resume construction work on the highway not later than May 8th. The order specifically directs that the contractors shall perform such work as is indicated by the highway engineer. The contracting firm wants a blanket order, which would permit them to single out the section on construction where the profits would be greatest. The court wants the incomplete sections of the road put in shape for travel, which would mean only the finishing touches, and in which, the contractors contend, there is no profit. The contractors have, so far, made no move.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

County Clerk Barnett has been very liberal with the giving out of his official consent and necessary documentary permission to wed. On the 23rd he issued a license to James Quilleash and Elizabeth Kissack and on the 27th licenses were given to Elmer Hutton and Bessie I. Makinster and Walter A. Williams, Jr. and Mae B. Lang.

## LOCAL BALL PLAYERS TAKE ANOTHER GAME

Adversaries at Woodland Are Shut  
Out in a Real Spicy Game.

With some of the old stars of former years back in harness St. Helens presented a most formidable aggregation of ball tossers at the game played at Woodland last Sunday, which resulted in a shutout for the Washington players. Among the ancient ones was Brakke, who played at his old station, third base, and Virgil Stevens, guarding the keystone sack.

"Red" Lund again showed that he is a real pitcher and was the star of the game, letting Woodland down with three hits and getting 17 strikeouts. For Woodland Donaldson pitched a good game but couldn't depend on his team mates for support in the pinches, and St. Helens romped home with a 4 to 0 victory, making two wins in as many starts. Next Sunday the local team will play Ridgefield at Ridgefield.

The official score of last Sunday's game is as follows:

St. Helens.	AB	H	R	P	O	A	E
Wellington, r	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Perry, cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Stevens, 2b	4	2	1	2	0	0	0
Jamison, c	5	1	0	19	1	1	1
Hill, rf	5	1	1	0	0	0	0
Brakke, 3b	4	1	0	0	1	0	0
McDonald, ss	4	1	0	1	2	1	1
Ballagh, 1b	3	1	1	5	0	0	0
Lund, p	4	2	0	0	0	1	1
McKie, rf	3	1	0	0	0	1	1
Total	38	11	4	27	6	3	3

Woodland.	AB	H	R	P	O	A	E
P. Schuman, p	4	2	0	10	2	1	0
H. George, rf	3	0	0	2	0	0	0
Stockdale, 1b	4	0	0	7	1	0	0
Specht, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grisen, 2b	3	0	0	3	2	0	0
Griffith, ss	4	1	0	0	2	1	0
Englert, lf	4	0	0	1	1	0	0
Kirch, 3b	2	0	0	2	0	1	0
Donaldson, p	2	0	0	2	4	0	0
A. Schuman, cf	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
Total	30	3	0	27	13	4	4

St. Helens 0 0 1 0 2 0 0 1 0 4  
Hits ..... 1 1 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 11  
Woodland 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
Hits ..... 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 3

Summary.  
Runs, Perry, Stevens, Hill, Ballagh. Three-base hit, Jamison. Struck out by Lund 17, by Donaldson 10. Base on balls off Lund 4; off Donaldson 3. Stolen bases, Perry, H. George, Grisen, Griffith. Double plays, Donaldson to Grisen to Stockdale, and McDonald to Jamison to Stevens. Left on bases, St. Helens 10, Woodland 8. Official umpire, Hon. Frederick Watkins.

## YANNIGANS WIN.

Play Fast Game, Resulting in Victory  
for Deer Island Team.

Deer Island, April 27.—(Special)  
The Deer Island Yannigans won a victory over the Goble Juniors at Goble last Sunday. It was a hard fought game until the fifth inning. The final score was 18 to 9. The Goble Juniors had two players of the first team in the game. The batteries of Deer Island were Hammer and Merrill, and for Goble were Dodson and King.

## MIDGETS WIN AGAIN.

Last Sunday the team of Noah's Ark Midgets won another victory, this time over the junior team from Houlton. The game was played on the St. Helens school ball grounds. The score was 18 to 8. Next Sunday the Midgets will play at the same place against a team from Warren.

## DEPUTY SHERIFF GETS QUICK ARREST ACTION

Brings Two Men From Mist Charged  
With Jumping Board Bills.

Deputy Sheriff Charley Brown is establishing a reputation for quick action in the service of legal papers and the hasty obedience to official commands. Last Friday morning he received legal papers from the authorities in Washington county requesting the arrest of Claud and James Lane, supposed to be at Mist, and wanted for failure to make settlement with their boardinghouse keeper at Hillsboro. In less than 24 hours the efficient deputy sheriff had the young men in the county jail at St. Helens, from where they were taken to Hillsboro by a constable from Washington county.

## PROBATE MATTERS.

The will of the late Dr. A. P. McLaren was filed with the county clerk today. Edward H. Joseph and J. F. Roth are named as executors. The estate, as shown by the will, is valued at \$50,000. Harrison Allen of Portland, is attorney for the estate.